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1.  This communication is responsive to applicants' amendment filed 7 May 2007.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-11, 16-21, 28, 29, 31, 35, 37, 39-41, 45, 46 and 50-53 – renumbered 1-23.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
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    1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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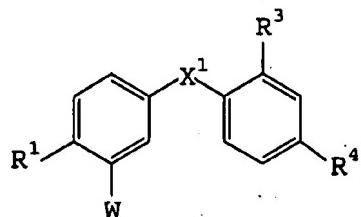
1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:



wherein

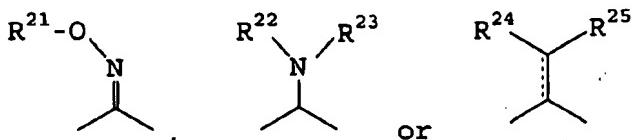
$R^1$  represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group;

$R^3$  represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group, a carbamoyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group;

$R^4$  represents a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl,

alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group;

X<sup>1</sup> represents -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>- or a group of the following formula:



wherein R<sup>21</sup> represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl or heterocycle-lower alkyl group;

R<sup>22</sup> and R<sup>23</sup> may be the same or different represent a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, carbamoyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl or heterocyclic group; and

R<sup>24</sup> and R<sup>25</sup> may be the same or different represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; the double line of which one line is a broken line denotes a single bond or a double bond; and

W represents -Z-COR<sup>26</sup>, -Z-COOR<sup>2</sup>, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2</sup> or -O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2</sup>, wherein Z represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>- in which n represents 0, 1, 2 or 3 with the proviso that when W is -Z-COOR<sup>2</sup>, n is 2 or 3, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -CH=CH- or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH-; R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; and R<sup>26</sup> represents -NHR<sup>27</sup> or -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>28</sup> in which R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> independently represent an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl group;

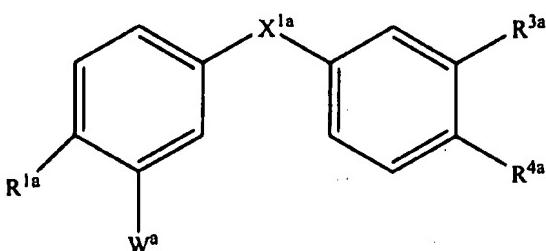
or a salt thereof.

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Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative or a salt thereof according to  
Claim 9, wherein W is -Z'-COOR<sup>2</sup>, -Z'-CONH-SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>28</sup>, -CONH-CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2</sup> or -CONH-  
CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2</sup> wherein Z' represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>- in which n' is 0, 1 or 2,  
with the proviso that when W is -Z'-COOR<sup>2</sup>, n is 2 or 3, or -CH=CH-; R<sup>28</sup> represents  
an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group; and R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a  
protecting group for carboxyl group; and X<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-.

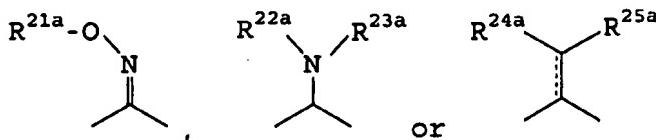
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Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative or a salt thereof according to  
Claim 10, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an unsubstituted or  
substituted alkoxy group; R<sup>3</sup> is an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an  
unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; and R<sup>4</sup> is an unprotected or protected hydroxyl  
group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group.

Claims 12-15 (Cancelled)

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Claim 16 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following  
formula:



wherein R<sup>1a</sup> represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; R<sup>3a</sup> and R<sup>4a</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represent a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; X<sup>1a</sup> represents -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>- or a group of the following formula:

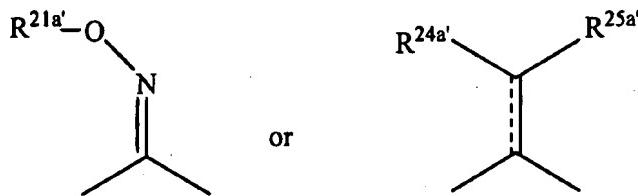


wherein R<sup>21a</sup> represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl or heterocycle-lower alkyl group; R<sup>22a</sup> and R<sup>23a</sup> may be the same or different represent a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, carbamoyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl or heterocyclic group; R<sup>24a</sup> and R<sup>25a</sup> may be the same or different represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; and the double line of which one line is a broken line represents a single bond or a double bond; and W<sup>a</sup> represents -Z<sup>a</sup>-COR<sup>26a</sup>, -Z<sup>a</sup>-COOR<sup>28a</sup>, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2a</sup> or -O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2a</sup> wherein Z<sup>a</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub><sup>a</sup>, n<sup>a</sup> is 0, 1, 2 or 3 with the proviso that when W<sup>a</sup> is -Z<sup>a</sup>-COOR<sup>2a</sup>, n<sup>a</sup> can not be 1, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -CH=CH- or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH-; R<sup>2a</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; and R<sup>26a</sup> represents -NHR<sup>27a</sup> or -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>28a</sup> in which R<sup>27a</sup> and R<sup>28a</sup> independently represent an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl group;

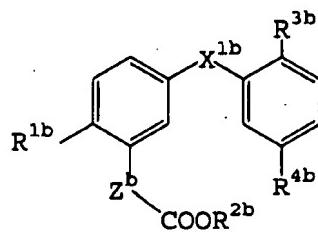
or a salt thereof.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative or a salt thereof according to  
Claim 46, wherein R<sup>1a</sup> is an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; R<sup>3a</sup> and R<sup>4a</sup> may be the same or different and represent an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; X<sup>1a</sup> is -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>- or a group of the following formula:



wherein R<sup>21a'</sup> represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, aralkyl or heterocycle-lower alkyl group; R<sup>24a'</sup> and R<sup>25a'</sup> may be the same or different represent a hydrogen atom, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl or carbamoyl group; and W<sup>a</sup> represents -Z<sup>a'</sup>-COR<sup>26a'</sup>, -Z<sup>a'</sup>-COOR<sup>2a'</sup>, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2a'</sup>, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2a'</sup>, -CONH-CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2a'</sup>, or -CONH-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>2a'</sup> wherein Z<sup>a'</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n<sup>a'</sup></sub>- in which n<sup>a'</sup> is 0, 1, 2 or 3 with the proviso that when W<sup>a</sup> is -Z<sup>a'</sup>-COOR<sup>2a'</sup>, n<sup>a'</sup> is 2 or 3, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -CH=CH- or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH-; R<sup>2a'</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; and R<sup>26a'</sup> represents -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>28a'</sup> in which R<sup>28a'</sup> is an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group.

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Claim 48 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:

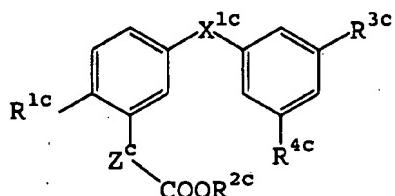


wherein R<sup>1b</sup> represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl,

alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; R<sup>2b</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; R<sup>3b</sup> and R<sup>4b</sup> may be the same or different represent a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, aloxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; X<sup>1b</sup> represents -C(O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-; and Z<sup>b</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n<sup>b</sup></sub>-, wherein n<sup>b</sup> represents 2 or 3 or -CH=CH-; or a salt thereof.

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Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A benzene derivative or a salt thereof according to  
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Claim 18, wherein R<sup>1b</sup> is an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; R<sup>3b</sup> and R<sup>4b</sup> may be the same or different represent an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; X<sup>1b</sup> is -C(O)-; and Z<sup>b</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>- or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-.

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Claim 20 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:



wherein R<sup>1c</sup> represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an

unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; R<sup>2c</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; R<sup>3c</sup> and R<sup>4c</sup> may be the same or different represent a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; X<sup>1c</sup> represents -C(O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-; and Z<sup>c</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub><sup>c</sup> -, wherein n<sup>c</sup> represents 2 or 3 or -CH=CH-; or a salt thereof.

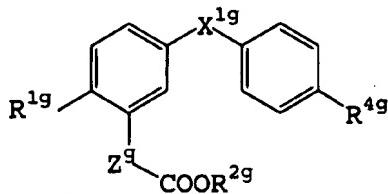
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Claim 21 (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative or a salt thereof according to  
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Claim 20, wherein R<sup>1c</sup> is an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; R<sup>2c</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; R<sup>3c</sup> and R<sup>4c</sup> may be the same or different represent an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group; X<sup>1c</sup> represents -C(O)-; and Z<sup>c</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>- or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-.

Claims 22-27 (Cancelled)

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Claim 28. (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:



wherein  $R^{1g}$  and  $R^{4g}$  may be the same or different represent an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group;  $X^{1g}$  is  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ;  $Z^2g$  is  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n^2-$ , wherein  $n^2g$  represents 2 or 3; and  $R^{2g}$  is a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group;  
or a salt thereof.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) A compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 9,  
wherein said compound is a compound that has an activity of antagonistically inhibiting the combination between AP-1 and a recognition sequence thereof.

Claim 30 (Canceled)

Claim 31 (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting AP-1 which comprises contacting a compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 9 with an AP-1 binding site.

Claim 32-34 (Canceled)

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 9, which antagonistically inhibits the combination between AP-1 and a recognition sequence thereof.

Claim 36 (Canceled).

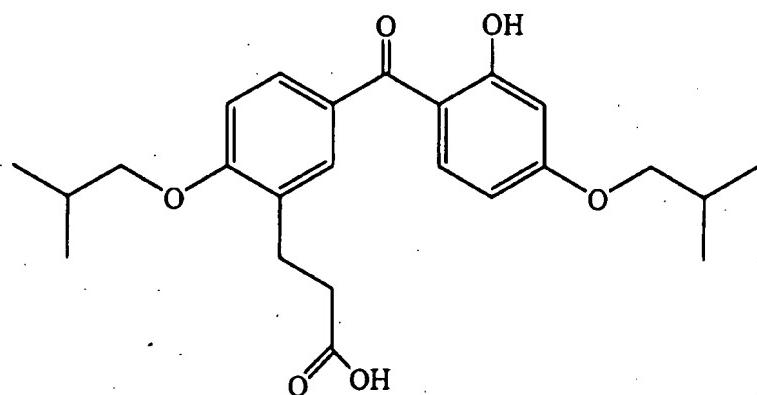
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Claim ~~37~~ (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting AP-1 which comprises administering an effective amount of the compound or a salt thereof according to Claim ~~9~~ to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 38 (Canceled)

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Claim ~~29~~. (Previously Presented) An agent for treating an autoimmune disease, which comprises a compound or a salt thereof according to Claim ~~9~~.

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Claim ~~40~~. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the compound or a salt thereof according to Claim ~~9~~ in an amount sufficient to inhibit AP-1 activity.

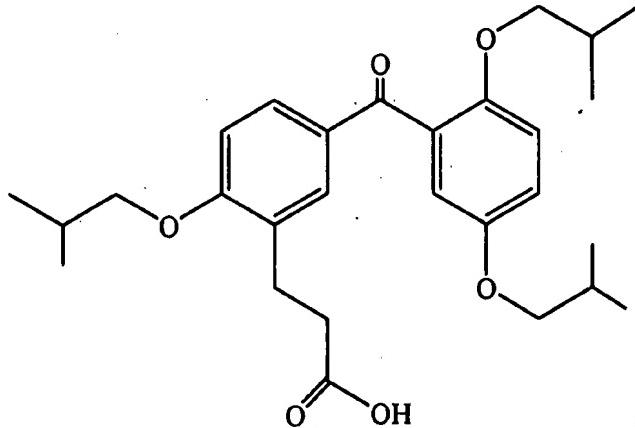
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Claim ~~41~~. (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative according to Claim ~~9~~, having the following formula:



Claims 42-44 (Canceled)

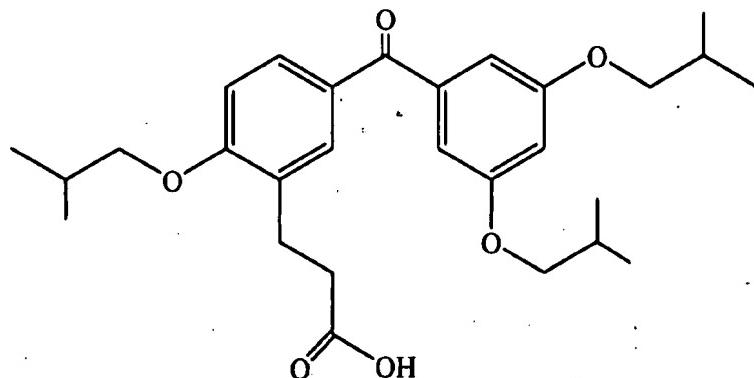
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Claim 45. (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative according to Claim 18,

having the formula:



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Claim 46 (Previously Presented) The benzene derivative according to Claim 20,

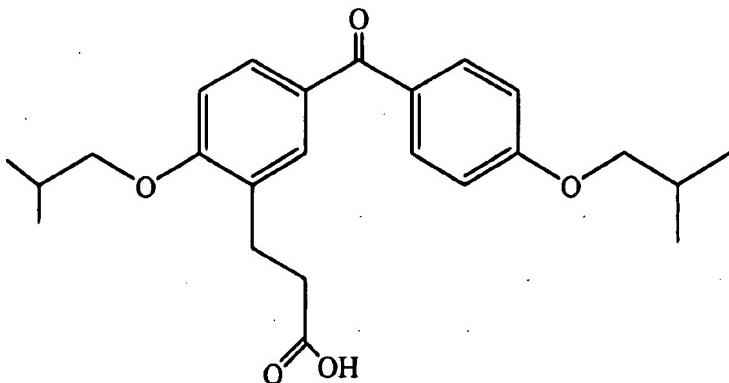
having the formula:



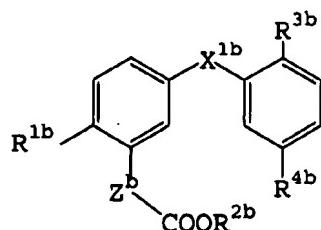
Claims 47-49 (Cancelled)

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Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The benzene derivative according to Claim 28,

having the formula:



Claim 51. (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:



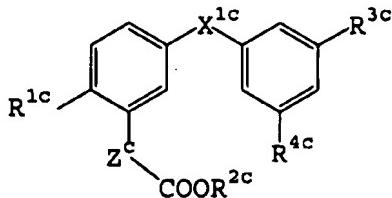
wherein R<sup>1b</sup> represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; R<sup>2b</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group; R<sup>3b</sup> and R<sup>4b</sup> may be the same or different represent a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group; X<sup>1b</sup>

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represents  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-CH(OH)-$  or  $-CH_2-$ ; and  $Z^b$  represents  $-(CH_2)_n^b$  - ( $n^b$  represents 2 or 3 or -  $CH=CH-$ ;

or a salt thereof.

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Claim 52. (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:

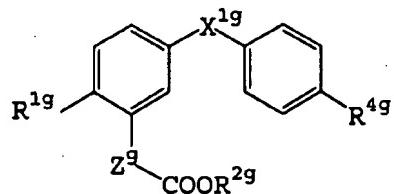


wherein  $R^{1c}$  represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alcoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group;  $R^{2c}$  represents a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group;  $R^{3c}$  and  $R^{4c}$  may be the same or different represent a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an unprotected or protected carboxyl group, an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group, an unprotected or protected amino group, a mercapto group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alcoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group;  $X^{1c}$  represents  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-CH(OH)-$  or  $-CH_2-$ ; and  $Z^c$  represents  $-(CH_2)_n^c$  - ( $n^c$  represents 2 or 3) or  $-CH=CH-$ ;

or a salt thereof.

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<sup>23</sup>  
Claim 53. (Previously Presented) A benzene derivative represented by the following formula:



wherein  $R^{1g}$  is a protected hydroxyl group and  $R^{4g}$  an unprotected or protected hydroxyl group or an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group;  $X^{1g}$  is  $-\text{C(O)}-$ ,  $-\text{CH(OH)}-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ;  $Z^2g$  is  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$  ( $n^2$  represents 2 or 3); and  $R^{2g}$  is a hydrogen atom or a protecting group for carboxyl group;  
or a salt thereof.